

- INSTRUCTIONS**
- 1-LOCATE YOUR STARTING POINT.
 - 2-DETERMINE AREA IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED.
 - 3-FIND EVACUATION ROUTE SERVING THAT AREA.
 - 4-REMAIN ON THAT ROUTE UNTIL YOU REACH A RECEPTION AREA.
 - 5-DO NOT STOP ON ROAD. THERE WILL BE THOUSANDS BEHIND YOU TRYING TO GET AWAY.
 - 6-ONCE EVACUATION HAS STARTED, DO NOT TRY TO CROSS EVACUATION ROUTES OR MAIN STREETS LEADING TO THEM.

- LEGEND**
- EVACUATION ROUTE.
 - MAIN STREET TO EVACUATION ROUTE.
 - OUTLINE OF AREA SERVED BY ROUTE.
 - TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN AREA BASIC EVACUATION PLAN

SCALE OF MILES

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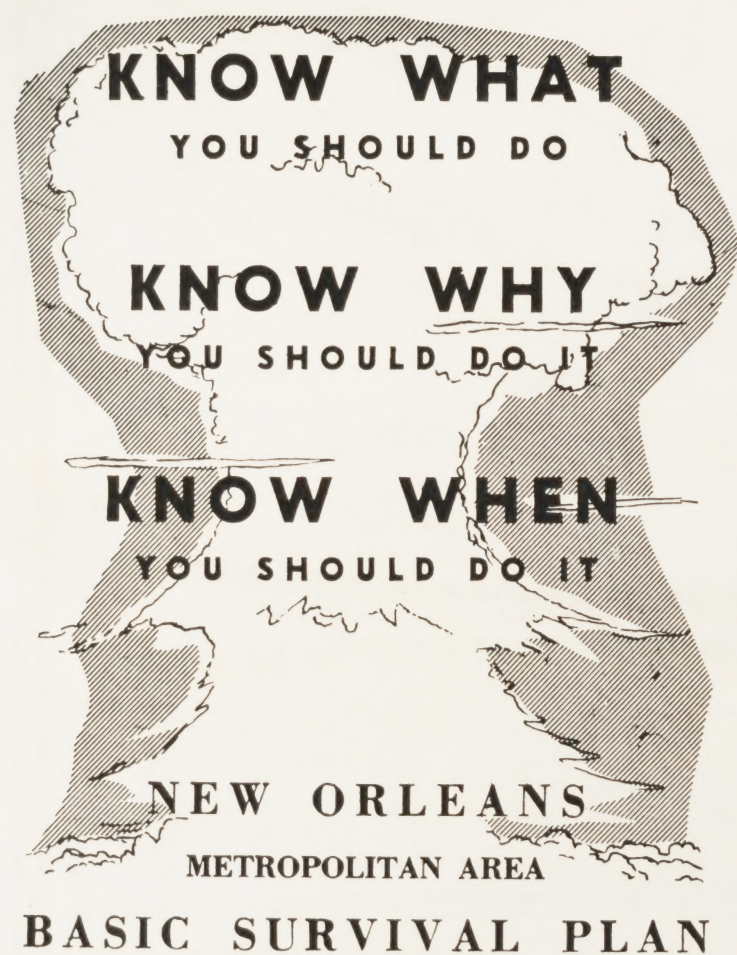
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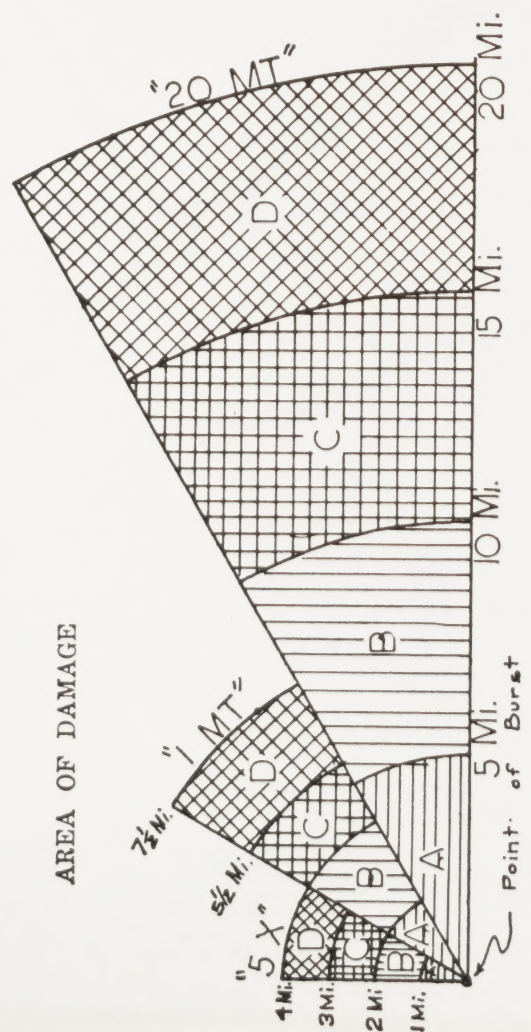
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"5X" = 100,000 Tons TNT
"1MT" = 1,000,000 Tons TNT
"20MT" = 20,000,000 Tons TNT

We feel that this diagram shows very clearly the terrific advantage gained by getting away from the Target Area.

AREA	Casualties	Property Damage
A	100%	Complete
B	30%	Severe
C	5%	Moderate
D	1%	Light



You may not WANT to believe it and you may not like it but you had better pay close attention to the instructions contained in this folder.

There is no intent on the part of the Civil Defense authorities to "throw a scare" into the people,—but there IS a very definite wish to cause each person to recognize the very concrete possibility of having the New Orleans Area become the target for an enemy nuclear attack. Obviously, such an enemy mission would be to make the Port inoperative.

While the terrific destructive effect of thermo-nuclear bombing cannot be over-emphasized, at the same time it would be utterly stupid for us to say that there is "no use" in taking precautions against its destructive power.

In many localities it is reasonable for the people to consider that certain types of shelter will provide effective protection from nuclear weapons. However, in such localities the people have the capability of going deep down into the earth for these especially built shelters; also they can rather easily construct "home shelters" in their basements.

Obviously, the amount of protection provided by any structure is entirely relative. In order to state that a certain place is "shelter", we must know from what disaster it is supposed to protect us. We are marking areas within the City as "shelter", but the public must understand that in the event of a surprise attack, there can be no guarantee of complete protection, and that ANY PROTECTION is better than none.

In the New Orleans Area, while we certainly recognize the importance of shelter, we feel that for the great proportion of our people evacuation will prove our chief salvation.

This plan is clearly entitled the BASIC PLAN. The instructions herein are sound. They are a part of the over-all State-wide plan.

Take this Basic Plan as your Guide and Gospel.

These instructions are based on the following:—

1. It is possible that we may be subjected to a surprise attack. In which case all the Civil Defense sirens will sound the "TAKE COVER" signal.



This is a warbling or intermittent wail of from 3 to 5 minutes duration.

Wherever you are when you hear this TAKE COVER Signal, DO JUST THAT; get into, behind, or under the best shelter you can quickly find. If you are in a car, open the windows and crouch on the floor.

2. With our present world-wide warning systems, it is more likely that we shall receive a warning which will give us from two to six hours for defensive measures. In which case the



"ALERT" Signal will be sounded on all sirens.

This is a STEADY note of from three to five minutes duration.

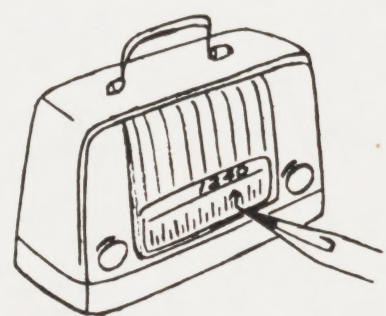
Upon hearing the "ALERT" Signal, get to your home as quickly as possible:

Listen to Conelrad at 1240 on your radio for information;

Prepare to evacuate if such an order comes over Conelrad.

It is vitally important for you to study the map minutely to determine the best route from your work to your home, and from there to an Evacuation Route.

When either the "TAKE COVER" or the "ALERT" signal is sounded all radio and T-V stations will go off the air and "CONELRAD" will come on the air at 1240 on your radio dial.



THIS IS THE SOURCE OF ALL FURTHER OFFICIAL INFORMATION DO NOT BECOME PANICKY IF YOUR RADIO GOES SILENT FOR A FEW MINUTES WHILE STATIONS CHANGE TO 1240.—

EVACUATION ROUTES

Turn to the map and note that the marked routes become one way only and the direction of traffic in all cases is out of the city.

THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC toward the Evacuation Routes is indicated by the arrows.

Realize that you CANNOT CROSS these Evacuation Routes.

If unable to get on an Evacuation Route immediately move parallel to it until you can feed into it. You must understand that there will be traffic jams, but that the more people who follow these instructions the less difficulty will be encountered.

UPON THE COMMAND TO EVACUATE all thought must center upon getting on an evacuation route and getting as far from the center of the city as possible. Alternate plans must be made for the family if it cannot get together. It is suggested that two families get together so that one car can "go to work" and the other remain available for the families. This is no time for "heroics." Each individual must get out of the city. This must be understood in the family and a "reunion" point decided upon miles away from the city.

You must listen to CONELRAD at 1240 on your radio constantly for information and directions—

USE EVERY VEHICLE—Automobiles, busses, trucks, vans of every description must be used even beyond their normal capacity. Motor transportation will be your salvation. Keep no less than 1/4 tank of gas at any time. If a vehicle breaks down, push it off the road and abandon it.

— ROADS MUST NOT BE BLOCKED —

Someday, the most important rolling stock in the United States



.....May be in the trunk of the family car.

INCOMING TRAFFIC on evacuation routes will be turned around as soon as the "ALERT" or "TAKE COVER" signal is sounded.

(Ask your Civil Defense Headquarters for a copy of the pamphlet, "FOUR WHEELS TO SURVIVAL".)

SCHOOLS The parents of all school children in grades below Junior High School have been given the opportunity of stating the action which they desire the school authorities to take in the event of a major disaster. In the event that they live close to the school and consider their child sufficiently self-reliant to reach home unassisted, they may elect to have such child immediately released by the school for return home. In cases where the above conditions do not exist, the parent may elect to have the child remain under school control for evacuation in assigned transportation, to a reception area which is prepared to receive the children and the location of which is known beforehand by the parent.

It must be recognized that it will be impossible for the parent to "pick up" the child in family transportation due to the traffic "tangle" which is bound to exist at such a time.

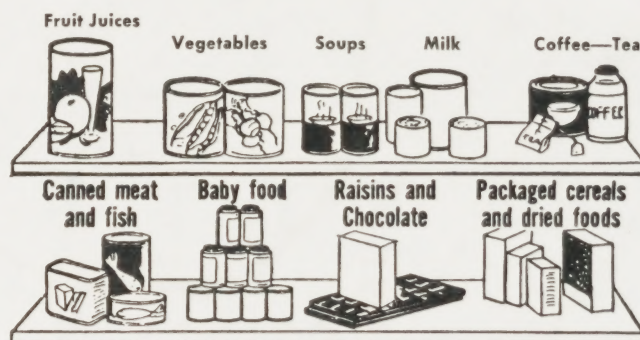
HOSPITALS and other institutions must each make their detailed plans for the evacuation of their patients and personnel. This will be done in conformance with the State Over-All Survival Plan.

It must be realized that it is **not enough** just for you to get outside the 20-mile zone. You must keep going so that the people behind you can get out also.

There will be Reception Areas prepared to receive and take care of you, to which you will be directed by Traffic Control posts.

Remember, it may be some time before anyone is permitted to return home; certainly not until fires are extinguished, utilities re-established, and the city declared radiologically clear.

You will be better able to survive if you take care of yourselves for two or three days. Have your shelter supplies in an easily transportable container, packed with first aid supplies, canned food and water.



Call at Office of Civil Defense for Literature.

Conelrad — 1240 — Conelrad — 1240 — Conelrad
1240 on your Radio Dial

KEEP TUNED IN ON IT FOR LATEST INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS.

EACH CIVIL DEFENSE WORKER must determine his "ASSEMBLY AREA" and get to it as soon as possible after the "ALERT" is sounded.

EVACUATION ROUTE SIGNS are placed at critical points. These signs and the orders from the police and auxiliary police **MUST BE OBEYED**.

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT

FALL-OUT is the depositing upon the earth of radiation-emitting particles from the cloud which arises from an atomic or thermo-nuclear explosion. Fall-Out can be practically harmless and can also be fatal, dependent upon the density of concentration and the time of exposure to the radiation. The direction of the fall-out from the point of burst is dependent **NOT** upon the direction of the surface wind, but upon the direction of the prevailing winds at great altitudes.

This prevailing direction has been and is being studied and has been taken into consideration in connection with the Evacuation Routes and the provision of shelters.

This subject is mentioned here to remove a great deal of the fear of radiation when it is understood and precautions taken. If it is determined that you are in an area subject to "Fall-Out", any cover and we mean ANY cover is partial protection. Clothing, an umbrella, your car, on up to a dug-out will protect you proportionately. Instruments have been devised and are in use which determine the strength of existing radiation concentration and from that it can be determined how long a time this concentration can be withstood without any harmful effects. You will be protected to the very best degree possible by the Civil Defense Radiological Teams and the dissemination of information over the all-important CONELRAD by radio nets to our wardens, city and state police radio nets and loud speakers at critical points.

We have gone into some detail in an effort to make you conscious of the possibility of a thermo-nuclear attack. We have tried to show that the **TIME ELEMENT** may well vary from a surprise attack (When the "TAKE-COVER" signal is sounded) to the situation in which we will have a few hours during which to take defensive steps (When the "ALERT" signal is sounded followed by instructions on Radio 1240).

NOW WE WANT YOU TO CONSIDER A
THIRD PICTURE, THIS IS

STRATEGIC EVACUATION

If it is determined that a prospective enemy nation has greatly stepped up its war machinery, if an ominous and unusual assembling of foreign sub-marines in certain waters is detected, or some similar war-like manifestation is seen to be a threat it would be exceedingly smart and intelligent for our target communities (such as New Orleans) to recognize the international picture and to effect a "Thinning Out" of City populations by early evacuation of non-essential persons. (School children, hospitalized patients, the

aged and infirm, and persons having friends or relatives outside the danger zone to whom they may go.) This movement might well be several days before an attack might be expected.

It is not beyond the realm of possibility that the Area Authority might issue such a strong recommendation as this to the citizens: close schools; direct hospitals to put their evacuation plans into orderly operation, recommend evacuation of all non-essential personnel and direct that only a minimum amount of personal transportation be brought into the business section of the city, that such evacuation be initiated at once and for evacuated persons to remain in safe places until all danger is over.

It is perfectly true that such measures could prove to be a false alarm, but the Civil Defense Director would **UNHESITATINGLY RECOMMEND** such a step if in his informed opinion it could mean the saving of untold thousands of lives.

THIS STRATEGIC EVACUATION IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY THAT EACH FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SHOULD CONSIDER **VERY SERIOUSLY, AND MAKE PLANS ACCORDINGLY**.

SUMMARY

Four categories of warning must be recognized:

1. **STRATEGIC WARNING** to be given days in advance due to a deteriorating international situation and enemy mobilization activities.
2. **TWO OR MORE HOURS WARNING** based on detection of attacking aircraft by our distant early warning or overseas networks, or intelligence of enemy developments.
3. **EMERGENCY WARNING** minutes before an attack.
4. **SURPRISE ATTACK** no warning at all.

SIGNALS AND ACTION

"ALERT" SIGNAL (Steady 3 to 5 minute blast on sirens)

Get home turn on your radio to 1240 and listen to CONELRAD for instructions.

Prepare to evacuate be ready to take food, first aid kit, etc. The order for evacuation will come on CONELRAD.

UPON ORDERS TO EVACUATE

Put your family evacuation plan into effect. Get on the nearest evacuation route and follow traffic control instructions.

OBEY YOUR POLICE AND
CIVIL DEFENSE INSTRUCTIONS

"TAKE COVER" SIGNAL (Warbling or intermittent 3 to 5 minute blasts on sirens)

Get into your home shelter immediately. Shut all doors and windows.

Take cover in basement or on first floor. If outside, seek the best immediate cover available. Stay put until you get word that the area is clear of fall-out.

IF YOU SEE A BRIGHT FLASH OF LIGHT
TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY.

MESSAGE TO OUR CITIZENRY

The undersigned believe that our Citizens should accept the information and advice contained in this Pamphlet, and that a serious study of this Basic Plan will develop intelligent plans for Each Individual and Each Family.

We jointly pray that no situation will ever arise which will cause us to put such plans into operation—However, we are very earnest in our plea that each of you prepare for such a devastating possibility.

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